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1. On 15 September 1952, a troop train of 5 boxcars and 44 flatcars carrying an engineer unit with pontoons was identified [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The train came from Sperenberg and went to Tangerhuette.

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2. [REDACTED] the Berlin railroad district headquarters was ordered to make available 650 flatcars for 27 September and 600 flatcars for 28 September in the Rathenow area. (2)

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3. Troop trains [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station on 17 and 24 September included: a train of 3 boxcars and 16 flatcars from Insterburg to Cottbus on 17 September; and a train of 26 boxcars from Gerdauen to Stuelpnitz on 24 September. (3)

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4. On 20 September, a train of 20 flatcars with tanks was observed at the Muellrose railroad station. The train [REDACTED] came from Werbig and proceeded toward Grunow. (4)

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5. On 26 September, a troop train of an undetermined number of cars with about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 2 SU-100 guns, 2 field howitzers, 4 AT guns and trucks [REDACTED] was observed at the Seddin railroad station.

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The train was bound for Altstrelitz. (5)

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6. On 15 September, [REDACTED] tank shipments were continuously unloaded at the Dargen railroad station. On 18 September, [REDACTED] loading of a train with 31 T-34 tanks and 85 tank guns at Prenzlau. The train then departed toward Binz. [REDACTED] three similar shipments were said to have been dispatched toward Binz on the same day. Another shipment of about 25 T-34 tanks and 85 guns from Prenzlau to an undetermined destination was observed on 27 September. (6)

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25X1 7. On 27 September, military shipments observed included: a shipment of 12 JS tanks from Greifenberg toward Angermuende; a shipment of 12 assault guns, 3 ZIS-3 AT guns and trucks with billeting equipment from Britz toward Eberswalde; 15 JS-3 tanks and trucks, [] and 8 JS-1 tanks were loaded at Eberswalde. The latter train was headed in a northerly direction. (4) (7)

25X1 8. [] the 5th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district, 5 troop shipments, each consisting of 4 converted boxcars, 5 flatcars and 20 SSY-type flatcars with tanks, went from Rathenow to Lallnow-Doeberitz on 19 September 1952. (8)

25X1 [] Comments.

25X1 (1) The troop train from Sperenberg to Tangerhuette was probably observed by [] to have passed through Wittenberg toward Lessau. The train carried an element of the 35th Enr Regt (US) of the Third 3ds Mecz Army. [] Other observations, however, indicated that other elements of the same regiment were unloaded at Wittenberg from a second troop train, possibly for training exercises on the Elba River.

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25X1 (2) The total of 1,250 flatcars was probably to carry units of the Fourth 3ds Mecz Army and the Third Shock Army to their home stations, beginning on about 20 September 1952. The units participated in large maneuvers in the Letzling-Heath-Rathenow area.

(3) The two trains probably carried equipment.

(4) It is fairly definitely believed that the train with tanks observed at the Muellrose railroad station on 20 September, and the shipment of 12 JS tanks reported in paragraph 7 which left Greifenberg toward Angermuende on 27 September 1952, had Prenzlau as dispatching station. Previous observations indicated that Soviet tanks had been handed over to the Volkspolizei at Prenzlau and were redistributed to the newly activated VP divisions in the Egesin-Torgelow area and on Ruegen Island. According to the present report, the tank distributing point at Prenzlau probably also delivers tanks to other VP units, for instance to the Kasernierte Volkspolizei Dienststelle (KVPD) in Rostock which received 51 tanks between 18 and 20 September 1952. The recent observations indicate that the VP divisions activated in the Egesin-Torgelow area and on Ruegen Island have probably been fully equipped with tanks, and furthermore indicate that other VP units will now also be equipped.

25X1 (5) [] the train carried a mixed unit of the 3rd 3ds Tank Div which possibly came from Jueterboe.

(6) The unloadings at Borgen and the shipments to Binz are indicative of the continuation of equipment of the VP divisions activated in the Prora-Kuegen Island area.

(7) The 12 infantry guns and 3 ZIS-3 AT guns possibly came by road from the Templin troop training grounds. Troop trains carrying components of the 6th 3ds Mecz Div and army units of the Fourth 3ds Mecz Army from Templin to Eberswalde and Bernau respectively have been repeatedly observed since about 17 September 1952.

[] . The [] reported in paragraph 7 25X1 of the present report belongs to the Fourth 3ds Mecz Army. The information, however, is not indicative of the possible receiving station of the tank shipment.

(8) A troop train from Rathenow to Doeberitz was previously reported [] on 19 September 1952. It is possible that the five troop shipments were made by the same train going from Rathenow to Doeberitz and vice versa five times. [] paragraph 2 25X1

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